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1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY CONFEDERATION
OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV) SOURCES WHO FURTHER REPORT THAT ACCION
DEMOCRATICA (AD) DEPUTY MANUEL PENALVER, WHO IS ALSO A LEADER OF THE
PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION, WILL ACCOMPANY THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION
TO THE MIDDLE EAST ONLY ON THE ALGERIAN PORTION OF ITS VISIT.

PENALVER IS EXPECTED BACK IN CARACAS AROUND APRIL 10 TO CONTINUE
PREPARATIONS FOR THE CTV CONGRESS SCHEDULED FOR THE LAST WEEK

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IN APRIL. PENALVER'S EARLY RETURN WILL CAUSE THE PARLIAMENTARY

COMMISSION TO BE COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF OPPOSITION SENATORS AND DEPUTIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF ITS TOUR AND TENDS TO SUPPORT THE THESIS THAT THE TOUR IS A POLITICAL PLOY TO GET OPPOSITION CONGRESSMEN OUT OF VENEZUELA DURING A CRITICAL PERIOD IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE OIL NATIONALIZATION BILL.

2. THE RATIONALE FOR THE TOUR GIVEN BY CTV SOURCES IS THAT IT IS DESIGNED TO BROADEN THE HORIZONS OF THE OPPOSITION SENATORS AND DEPUTIES MAKING THE TOUR AND TO DEMONSTRATE TO THEM THE NEED FOR CONTINUED DEALINGS WITH THE MULTINATIONAL OIL COMPANIES IN POST-NATIONALIZATION VENEZUELA.

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